

Preparing Your Condo for Your Absence

The following checklist are things to consider when leaving your condo unattended:

1. _____ Turn off the condo's water at the water shut off valve.
2. _____ Turn off the breaker switch in your breaker box for the hot water heater.
3. _____ Set your A/C's thermostat (to mitigate humidity and mold growth, never completely shut down your condo's A/C). The following guidance is from Florida Power and Light:

Manual thermostat: set to 77 degrees for condos. If you set your humidistat to Relative Humidity of 58% you have greater flexibility and can set your thermostat as high as 88 degrees.

Programmable thermostat: FPL recommends programming thermostats at 72 degrees for two hours each morning before sunrise and as high as 88 degrees the rest of the time. This prevents mold by removing moisture from the air during the cooler hours when your A/C runs most efficiently.

4. _____ Bring everything from balconies into your condo. **Note this is mandatory policy during hurricane season, June 1st through November 30th.** Consider stuffing "swim noodles" and "5/8-inch backer rod" insulation into the spaces of your sliding glass doors to prevent high wind water incursion.
5. _____ Ensure all perishable goods are emptied from your refrigerator and turn off the ice maker.
6. _____ Empty all garbage cans and recyclables.
7. _____ Stop or forward mail with the post office. For snowbirds, it is always a good idea to ensure the Building Manager has your mailing address preference for important OCNCA Ltc. mailings.
8. _____ Stop newspaper delivery or arrange for a neighbor to pick up.
9. _____ Consider leaving a key with a trusted neighbor to periodically spot check the inside of your condo.
10. _____ If you have purchased additional AT&T channels or internet speeds, consider calling to cancel your upgrades at no charge to save money. Our bulk rate AT&T contract includes the following for every unit:

- Internet (25 mbs)
- U-200 television package
- High-definition television signal
- 3 television receivers

If you have other suggestions to add to this checklist, please send them to Brian Clark, 403B, clarkoahu@gmail.com.